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Is an application of

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For: Tool Position Indicator

Picker International, Inc.
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Cleveland, Ohio 44143
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with the filing of a request for a continuing prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d) in the above-captioned matter. Examination of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail" Mailing Label Number EE789478575US in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box CPA, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 19th day of January, 1999.

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